

DIY KITS

DIY Roller Shutter Kits in Australia: What's in the Box

Two DIY kits at the same price can contain very different parts. This guide breaks down what's normally in a kit, what's upsold separately, and what to confirm in writing before you click "buy".

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A typical DIY roller shutter kit ships **cut-to-size for your window** and includes the head box, slat curtain, side channels, bottom rail, strap or winder mechanism (manual) or tubular motor (electric), brackets, end caps and fixings. Prices range from **\$220 for small manual to \$850 for electric**.

What kits almost never include: tools, the mains-power wiring on electric models, render patching materials, and replacement parts if you damage something during install.

Bottom line: Confirm exactly what's in the box (and what isn't) before you order; missing one \$25 part can stop the install dead.

Who this is for: Australian DIYers researching what to expect in a roller shutter kit before buying.

Typical price ranges

Indicative supplied-and-installed pricing across Australia in 2026. Final pricing depends on installer assessment.

ITEM	TYPICAL RANGE	NOTES
Entry manual kit	\$220-\$360	single-skin slats, basic strap

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Mid-range manual kit	\$330-\$520	foam-filled slats, better warranty
Entry electric kit	\$520-\$700	generic motor, wired controller
Premium electric kit	\$700-\$850	Somfy/Becker/Alpha motor, remote
Sliding-door manual kit	\$780-\$1,400	requires two-person install

What changes the price

Slat profile

Foam-filled aluminium slats deliver real thermal performance and feel sturdy. Thin single-skin slats are cheaper but rattle and provide minimal insulation. The difference is usually 15-25% of the kit price and well worth it.

Motor brand (electric kits)

Somfy, Becker, Alpha and Nice are the four established Australian motor brands. Generic no-brand motors typically come with 1-2 year warranties versus 5+ years for the established brands.

Cut-to-size accuracy

Kits are made-to-measure from your supplied dimensions. The supplier will not refund a kit ordered to wrong dimensions. Measure twice, then ask someone else to measure again.

Colour options

Standard powder-coat colours (white, beige, charcoal, grey) ship from stock. Custom colours add 1-3 weeks lead time and \$40-\$80 per shutter.

Typical inclusions in DIY roller shutter kits

ITEM	MANUAL KIT	ELECTRIC KIT
Slat curtain (cut to size)	Yes	Yes
Head box and end caps	Yes	Yes
Side channels	Yes	Yes
Bottom rail with locks	Yes	Yes
Strap/winder mechanism	Yes	No (motor instead)
Tubular motor	No	Yes
Wired wall switch	No	Usually yes
Remote / receiver	No	Optional/upgrade
Mains-power cable	N/A	No. Sparkie supplies
Brackets and fixings	Yes (timber/masonry pack)	Yes
Tools	No	No

What to confirm before you buy

- Exact slat profile (foam-filled vs single-skin) and slat thickness in mm.
- Motor brand and model number, with the warranty period in writing.
- Whether brackets supplied suit your wall type (timber-frame, brick veneer, double-brick).
- Lead time, delivery cost, and whether the supplier will hold the kit if you need to delay install.
- Returns policy on damaged-in-transit items. These kits arrive on a pallet, damage is not uncommon.

Where DIY kits are sold in Australia

Bunnings stocks a limited range of small manual kits. Specialist online suppliers (search "DIY roller shutters Australia") cover a wider sizing range and offer better motors. Avoid grey-import kits without an Australian distributor. Warranty claims and replacement parts become a nightmare.

When to skip kits and call an installer

If your windows are above ground floor, larger than 2400 mm wide, or you need more than two electric units, the volume pricing a local installer can give you usually beats kit-plus-DIY. [Get three written installer quotes](#) as a sanity-check before ordering.

Checklist before you accept a quote

- ☐ **Inspect the kit on delivery**
Photograph any damage before signing for delivery.
- ☐ **Confirm bracket pack suits your wall type**
Timber-frame vs masonry uses different fixings.
- ☐ **Check motor warranty in writing**
Generic motors often have only 1-2 year warranties.
- ☐ **Keep all packaging until install is complete**
Missing parts may need to ship back.
- ☐ **Save the supplier's contact for spares**
Bottom-rail locks and end caps are commonly lost during install.

Frequently asked questions

What's included in a DIY roller shutter kit?

A DIY roller shutter kit typically includes the cut-to-size slat curtain, head box, side channels, bottom rail, strap or motor mechanism, brackets, end caps and fixings. Tools and mains-power wiring (for electric models) are never included.

Where can I buy DIY roller shutter kits in Australia?

Bunnings stocks a limited range of small manual kits. Specialist online suppliers cover the full sizing range including electric kits. Avoid no-brand grey imports without an Australian distributor. Parts and warranty claims become very difficult.

Are DIY roller shutter kits any good?

Mid-range and premium DIY kits use the same slat profiles and motor brands that professional installers use. The performance difference is in the installation quality, not the kit itself. Cheap entry-level kits with thin single-skin slats and no-brand motors are not worth the saving.

How long does a DIY roller shutter kit take to arrive?

Standard powder-coat colours typically ship in 1-2 weeks. Custom colours and non-standard sizes can take 3-5 weeks. Confirm lead time before ordering tools or booking an electrician.

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